

REPORT

OF A COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE OF ALBERTA RESPECTING NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE.

P. C. 731.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 19th April, 1915.

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the President of the Privy Council, advise that authority be given for the renewal, from the 31st March, 1916, of the agreement between the Dominion Government and the province of Alberta for the services of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in that province.

The Minister observes that the terms of renewal briefly stated are as follows:—

1. The police to remain a Dominion Force entirely under the control of the Dominion Government, except in matters relating to the administration of justice, in connection with which the Commissioner will act in accordance with the wishes, and under the direction of, the Attorney General of the province of Alberta.

2. The province of Alberta to repay the cost of transportation and maintenance of prisoners.

3. The province of Alberta in addition to repaying the cost of maintenance and transportation of prisoners, to contribute to the Dominion a lump sum of \$75,000 per annum, for services rendered by the Dominion Force, it being understood that the strength of the force in the province of Alberta will be maintained at 250.

4. The agreement to continue in force until terminated by either Government on one year's previous notice being given in writing, said notice to terminate on the 30th June; Provided, that should the Government of Alberta terminate the agreement before the expiration of five years, that Government will take over, at a fair valuation, any buildings which the Dominion Government may hereafter erect in the province for the accommodation of the police.

The Minister is of opinion that the arrangement as above set forth would be fair and reasonable and recommends that it be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

